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BISHOP ANNOUNCES MAJOR VICTORY FOR THE EAST END, RAKING IN NEARLY \$2 MILLION FOR TRANSPRO PROJECTS

Congressman Secures New Funding in Transportation Bill

WASHINGTON, DC--Congressman Tim Bishop announced a major victory this week for the East End of Long Island, securing nearly \$2 million in new funding to improve the quality of life for residents. The money was included in the Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2006.

"I am proud to be able to secure federal funds to improve roads here on eastern Long Island," Bishop stated. "This is a big win for the residents who have been asking for help to improve traffic and safety on their roadways. We have a little bit of something for everyone, including our veterans and seniors."

The bill includes a number of projects that will benefit our communities:

- **Veterans and Seniors Transportation, Inc.**-- \$100,000 to purchase new vehicles to provide door-to-door transportation services to senior citizens, veterans, and their spouses. The organization provides rides for medical appointments in Suffolk County. Currently, the organization requires veterans and seniors to schedule pick-ups two weeks in advance, and area restrictions limit who can benefit from public transportation to local health facilities. This new funding will help Veterans and Senior Services, Inc. purchase senior vehicles to significantly expand options for seniors throughout Suffolk County.

"We appreciate the funding that Congressman Tim Bishop received on behalf of the veterans and seniors of Suffolk County," Bob Smith stated. Smith is founder and former-President of Veterans and Seniors Transportation, Inc. "This money will go a long way to helping county veterans, their spouses, and senior citizens enjoy the quality of life that they deserve."

- **Old Montauk Highway from Route 27 to Route 27 (East Hampton)**-- \$300,000 for improvements to this stretch of Old Montauk Highway which has not been improved in decades. Conditions on this stretch of roadway necessitate resurfacing the roadway and installing curbing for pedestrian and traffic safety. Additionally, drainage improvements and aesthetic upgrades will be made to help improve road conditions.

"I would like to thank Congressman Bishop for helping to meet the needs of the eastern end of Long Island and assisting us to improve this historic highway," stated Bill McGintee, Supervisor of the Town of East Hampton. "It's was a pleasure as always to work with the congressman's

office and I appreciate his ongoing support for the concerns of the people of the East End.”

- **Millstonebrook Road from West Neck Road to Barker's Island Road (Southampton)**--Bishop secured \$500,000 to improve this section of highway in the Town of Southampton. Road conditions have become hazardous due to deteriorating infrastructure resulting in improper drainage along the roadbed and dangerous road conditions.

“I thank Congressman Bishop for securing this money for the residents of the Town of Southampton,” said Town of Southampton Supervisor Skip Heaney. “Improving our infrastructure is extremely important and this money will help us in our efforts to keep up maintenance in our town. I appreciate relationship that this town has developed with the congressman.”

- **Downtown Revitalization (Village of Greenport)**-- Bishop secured \$500,000 for Greenport's continued downtown revitalization. The funds will be used to construct a public pedestrian right of way adjoining already completed and future municipal parking facilities with the central business district, a local park and marina, and existing public rail, ferry and bus transportation facilities at the Long Island Railroad property via the Greenport Harbor walk. Construction will involve alterations to existing structures along with extensive landscaping, lighting, utility and other improvements to adjacent areas.

“This is very important funding that will allow us to implement our downtown revitalization project that our village needs so desperately,” Mayor of the Village of Greenport Dave Kapell stated. “Our village needs a more pedestrian friendly downtown to help in our revitalization effort. The Village of Greenport has been seeking this type of funding for nearly six years and we’ve found it very difficult to achieve, but I can’t thank Congressman Bishop enough for actually coming through.”

- **Ram Island Road and South Ram Island Road (Shelter Island)**-- Bishop secured \$300,000 to improve these important Shelter Island roadways. These roads have been deteriorating rapidly due to poor drainage. Because of safety concerns, the funds will be used to resurface the roadways and make road runoff improvements.

Bishop, who is a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in the House of Representatives, secured over \$45 million in the Transportation Equity Act: Legacy for Users (TEA-LU) passed earlier this year.

“One of my most important responsibilities in Congress is to work with local officials to identify needs and fight in Washington to bring home funding,” Bishop said. “I will continue the fight in Congress to deliver the resources necessary to improve Long Island’s infrastructure.”

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